

"Foreign language abilities are key to the survival of our military men and women serving around the globe. DLI is the military's top language institution and I am proud to help enhance the school's language and teacher training programs with this funding. As General John P. Abizaid has commented, DLI is truly a national treasure," said Farr.

As a member of the committee that wrote this bill, Farr was able to secure this \$6.1 million for DLI as part of almost \$30 million he negotiated to support local priorities.

Virtual Convey Operations Trainer (VCOT): \$2.3 million

Since DLI doesn't own training vehicles or training ranges, the VCOT will enable DLI students to virtually train for the kinds of battlefield challenges they will face in the field including: Improvised Explosive Devices, Rocket Propelled Grenades, and attacks from machine gunners, riflemen, technical trucks, mortar and suicide vehicles.

Bachelor's Degree in Global Studies Program: \$1.5 Million

This funding will enable DLI to work with the Consortium for Foreign Language, Area and Global Studies (CFLAGS) to offer DLI students the opportunity to earn a BA in Global Studies via distance learning, complementing their foreign language training with foreign area studies. CFLAGS schools include California State University at Monterey Bay, San Jose State University and San Diego University. The program will also provide professional development opportunities for DLI staff and faculty.

Language Lab Modernization: \$ 2.3 million

This funding will complete an upgrade of DLI's language laboratories by completing the purchase of 550 small language labs. With increased capacity, DLI will be able to increase the number of soldiers and officers in the field with foreign language proficiency, especially Arabic.